Chapter 77:
THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A DREAM

BEER
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DOOM!!

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HER PAST!!

I DON'T CARE.

NOPE. I'LL PASS.

IMP IMP

WHAT?! YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO HEAR THIS?!

I'M GOING FOR A WALK.

HE'S QUIRKY.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.

WHAT'S WITH HIM?

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WE'LL LISTEN TO YOUR STORY.

THOUGH I DOUBT WE'LL LEARN MUCH.

HROK HROK

ME TOO. ♡

WELL, *I'D* LIKE TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY!

HEY, YOU SAID YOU'D LISTEN!!!

ESPE-CIALLY SINCE YOU'RE ASLEEP.

HRONK HRONK

NO WONDER NAMI'S HAVING A HARD TIME.

HMPH...

TMP TMP

I MUST'VE DOZED OFF.

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WHERE'D SHE GO?

NOJIKO?

EWUP...

...BELLE-MÈRE.

SOON...

...

.....

.....!

...AND MY DREAM.

COCO VILLAGE... THE TANGERINE GROVES...

SOON IT WILL ALL RETURN.

FWUP

THERE ARE HUNDREDS HERE!!

IT'S JUST ONE BOOK!

LET ME GO!!

BLAB BLAB

THUD

NYAH

KLIK KLIK KLIK...

THUD

WE'RE POOR! WE DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR BOOKS!

MEANIE !!

NAVI GATION

YACK YACK!

OF COURSE! IT'S A BOOKSTORE, YOU SILLY KID!!

BUT THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU LICENSE TO STEAL!! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!

NAMI
(8 YEARS AGO)

GENZO
(8 YEARS AGO)

COME OUT! YOUR NAUGHTY KITTEN IS AT IT AGAIN!!!

BANG BANG BANG BANG!!

BELLE-MÈRE!! BELLE-MÈRE!!!

STOP SHOUTING. WHAT IS IT?

MA CE

THIS IS SERIOUS !!

HELLO, BELLE-MÈRE.

HELLO, NAMI.

BELLE-MÈRE

NAMI AND NOJIKO'S FOSTER MOTHER

HOW MANY TIMES IS THIS NOW?! SHE'S GETTING A REPUTATION IN THE VILLAGE!!

YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS!

klik klik klik

READ THIS WAY

YOU'RE THE REASON SHE'S LIKE THIS!!

KLIK KLIK KLIK KLIK !!

YOU PAID FOR THE BOOK, RIGHT? THANKS.

KLIK KLIK KLIK

LET HER BE. SHE'S JUST A KID.

heh heh

HAVEN'T YOU EVER STOLEN ANYTHING, MR. GENZO?

YOUR FACE IS PURPLE. ♡

CRAZY!!

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY !!!

...IN KISSES. ♡

I'M FLAT BROKE RIGHT NOW, BUT I'LL PAY YOU BACK LATER...

BLUSH!!

!!

I HAD TO HAVE THIS BOOK!

I'M SORRY, BELLE-MÈRE.

NAVI GATION

YOU'RE CLUMSY, NAMI!

IF I'D STOLEN IT, I WOULDN'T HAVE GOT CAUGHT!

DO

OM!

NOJIKO
(8 YEARS AGO)

...WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

IF YOU WANTED IT...

I COULD SO. I HAVE ENOUGH IN MY SECRET STASH FOR A BOOK.

BUT YOU COULDN'T BUY IT FOR ME, BELLE-MÈRE.

I WAS JUST KIDDING!

OUCH!!

WE DO NOT STEAL !!

YEAH. .....

UNDER-STAND?

IT'S JUST THAT THE WEATHER'S BEEN SO GOOD THAT ALL THE GROVES ARE FULL OF TANGERINES.

THEY'RE AWFUL HARD TO SELL RIGHT NOW.

READ THIS WAY

YUP.

THAT'S YOUR DREAM, HUH?

NAVIGATION

YUP. I'M STUDYING NAVIGATION.

WHAT A CLEVER GIRL.

A MAP OF THE ISLAND! I KNEW YOU COULD DRAW OCEAN CHARTS, BUT YOU'VE LEARNED TO DRAW LAND MAPS, TOO?!

AND WHEN I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING WITH MY OWN EYES, I'M GONNA MAKE A MAP OF THE WHOLE WORLD!!

HA HA!!

SOMEDAY I'M GONNA NAVIGATE MY WAY ALL AROUND THE SEAS.

NAVI

THEN THIS MAP OF THE ISLAND YOU DREW TODAY IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD YOUR DREAM!!

FWAP!

A MAP OF THE WORLD? WHY THAT'S WONDERFUL!

NOW, DON'T YOU START THAT! CHILDREN HAVE TO EAT!!

...I WON'T EAT EITHER.

FINE...

KLAK...

I'M EATING TANGERINES, AIN'T I? I'M JUST ON A DIET RIGHT NOW.

BELLE-MÈRE, YOU'RE NOT EATING AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?

I'M ON A ***DIET***!!! DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE BEAUTIFYING EFFECTS OF TANGERINES, YOU TWO!! I'M 30 YEARS OLD...

BUT THANKS TO TANGERINES, I HAVE THE SKIN OF A 19-YEAR-OLD. ♡

REALLY?! BELLE-MÈRE!!

YOU'RE NOT EATING BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD ENOUGH FOOD!!

YOU'RE LYING!!

HIGH FASHION, BELLE-MÈRE STYLE!!

RAARR!

I'M A LION

LOOK! IT'S DONE, NAMI!!

SHUT UP AND EAT!!

BUT YOUR HANDS ARE ORANGE.

I'M OFF TO THE TANGERINE GROVE. ♡

MINE AREN'T NEW!! AND WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE, NEW CLOTHES OR FOOD?!

I WANT NEW CLOTHES, TOO!!

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. YOU'RE TWO YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME!!

ANOTHER HAND-ME-DOWN FROM NOJIKO.

THAT LION USED TO BE A SUN-FLOWER.

FLINCH

WELL I DON'T LIKE BEING SISTERS ANY MORE THAN YOU DO!

WE'RE NOT EVEN REAL SISTERS !!

WE'RE NOT RELATED BY BLOOD !!

SWA

!!!?

NAMI !!!!

DON'T EVER SAY SUCH A FOOLISH THING AGAIN!!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?!!

SO WHAT IF YOU'RE NOT RELATED BY BLOOD ?!!

BELLE-MÈRE...

...!!

THEN YOU'D HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT!!

AND YOU COULD BUY NICE CLOTHES FOR YOURSELF!! YOU'D BE FREE!!

YOU'RE NOT OUR REAL MOTHER EITHER, BELLE-MÈRE.

YOU'D BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT US!!

.....!!

I... I WISH I'D BEEN FOUND BY RICH PEOPLE !!!

STOP, YOU TWO !!!

IF YOU HATE THIS HOME SO MUCH, THEN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!!!

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO!!

WELL, SUIT YOURSELF!!

I SEE...

BELLE-MÈRE, NAMI DIDN'T MEAN IT!!

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wump...

SHE WAS JUST UPSET !!

NAMI...

NAMI !!!

WHAM!!

I'M LEAVING !!!

THAT WAS CHILDISH OF ME.

TUP...

YOU'RE A STEADY ONE, NOJIKO.

OKAY !!

I'LL HAVE A NICE DINNER WAITING.

WILL YOU GO BRING NAMI BACK?

YACK YACK

COCO VILLAGE

BLAB BLAB

FISH

WHAT A JOURNEY!

ALL THE WAY FROM THE OUTSKIRTS TO THE CENTER OF THE VILLAGE?

HA HA

THAT'S RIGHT! I RAN AWAY FROM HOME!

klik klik klik

...SO YOU CAME HERE?

READ THIS WAY

WE'RE THE REASON SHE'S SO POOR...

AND THE VILLAGERS GET MAD AT HER 'CAUSE OF ME.

YOU THINK SO?

klik klik klik

WANTED

BELLE-MÈRE WOULD BE HAPPIER WITHOUT US.

SURE. AND IN THE MINDS OF SOME OF THE VILLAGERS...

SHE'S STILL A BAD KID.

WHAT? BELLE-MÈRE?

DON'T WORRY! WHEN BELLE-MÈRE WAS YOUR AGE, SHE WAS THE TERROR OF THE VILLAGE.

HA HA HA

HA HA HA!! STARTING TO UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES, EH?

THOOM THOOM!

THERE WAS A TERRIBLE STORM...

I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.

KSHHHHH...

SHE SURPRISED THE WHOLE VILLAGE.

...AND CAME BACK A FIGHTING SAILOR...

BUT WHEN BELLE-MÈRE RAN AWAY FROM HERE...

A FIGHTING SAILOR?!

THEY'RE COLD AND SICK!!!

KSHHHH

huff huff huff

GET THE DOCTOR!!! THEY'RE BURNING UP WITH FEVER!!!

SHE'S CARRYING A COUPLE OF KIDS!!

HEY! BELLE-MÈRE IS BACK!!!

SAVE THEM !!!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!! PLEASE, JUST SAVE THE CHILDREN!!

KSHHHHH

I'VE GOT 'EM!! BELLE-MÈRE, YOU'RE HURT BAD...

BUT SHE TOLD ME SHE'D BEEN LEFT FOR DEAD ON A BATTLE-FIELD.

THAT WAS BELLE-MÈRE'S STORY.

ME?! BUT I THOUGHT I WAS FOUND UNDER A BRIDGE...

YOU WERE JUST A BABY, AND NOJIKO WAS THREE YEARS OLD.

NUH-UH.

YOUR SISTER?

...WHEN NOJIKO CAME ALONG, CARRYING YOU.

SHE WAS ABOUT TO CLOSE HER EYES AND DIE...

SO SHE DECIDED TO LIVE.

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HA HA !!

HEE HEE HEE

SHE HAS NO IDEA OF THE SUFFERING AROUND HER.

HEE HEE HEE

SHE'S LAUGHING !!!

klik klik klik

NOW GO HOME. YOUR ESCORT'S HERE.

HEE HEE

NAMI!!! THERE YOU ARE!!

THE BOND BETWEEN YOU THREE...

...IS DEEPER THAN BLOOD!

GOD HELP US!!

ARLONG ?!!

IT'S ARLONG !!!

AAAH EEEK

AAAH!

AAAAH

PIRATES !!!

AAARR

BWAH HA HA HA HA HA HA !!!

BUT BELLE-MÈRE'S AT HOME!!!

RUN AND HIDE IN THE WOODS !!

NAMI!! NOJIKO!! IT'S DANGEROUS HERE!!

Woo ooo

THE RUMORS ARE TRUE!! THE FISH-MAN PIRATES OF THE GRAND LINE HAVE SPLIT UP, AND A BAND OF THEM ARE HERE!!

DO OOM

HELLO, HUMAN SCUM !!!!

AS OF THIS MOMENT ...

THIS VILLAGE-- THIS WHOLE ISLAND-- IS UNDER OUR RULE !!!

ONE PIECE HEARTTHROB, SANJI.

MELANIE, 18

ARRRR!

ANDY, 14

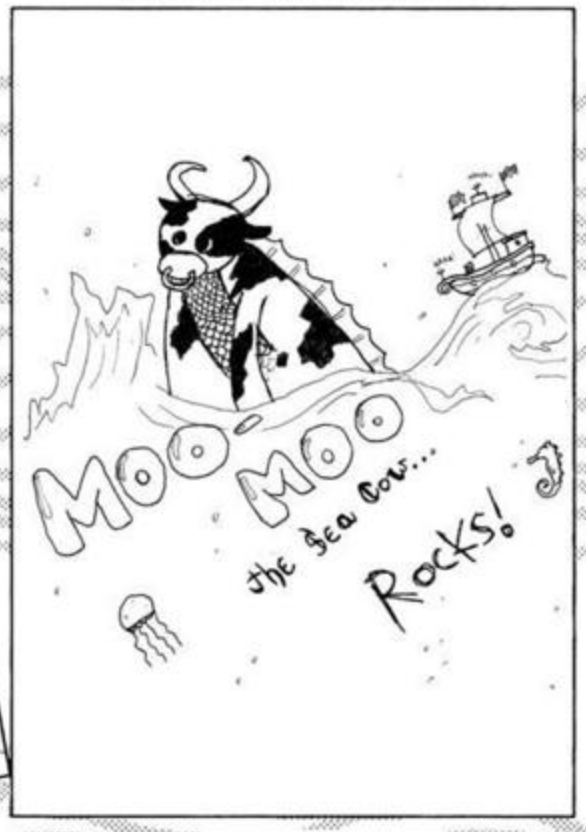
THE WORLD'S BEST NAVIGATOR.

TIMOTHY, 23

WHO'S THE TOUGHEST PIRATE HERE?

BRANDON, 13

UH-OH! IT'S MOMOO!



CLAVE, 13

HERE'S WINKING AT YOU.

RACHEL, 13

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